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1. In September 1952, 14 main registration offices were established in East Germany and assigned the mission to register all persons subject to the draft as well as to complete preparations for the introduction of universal military service by 31 March 1953. The registration offices were placed under Colonel Goehringer, chief of the "Verwaltung Rekrutierung (Central Draft Board), who again is directly subordinate to General Mueller, Chief of Staff of the VP army. The main registration offices, which may be compared with the former German Army Wehrbezirkskommandos (recruiting district headquarters) have a branch office in each Kreis.
2. Main registration offices were established at the following places: Frankfurt/Oder (chief: Lieutenant Colonel Robert Jahn), Rostock (chief: Lieutenant Colonel Johannes Erdmann), Chemnitz (chief: Lieutenant Colonel Schmuerer (fnu)), Erfurt, Gera, Neubrandenburg, Leipzig, Dresden (chief: Lieutenant Colonel Reyher (fnu)), Cottbus, Schwerin, Potsdam, Halle (chief: Colonel Hermann (fnu)), Stal and Magdeburg.
3. According to an order of the SED Central Committee issued in December 1952 or January 1953, first sergeants and former officers up to the rank of colonel may be admitted into the KVP. They are to be given their former rank and their pay shall in no case be below their previous income. Efforts are to be made to recruit a sufficient number of former first sergeants so that at least one such first sergeant is available in each battalion. All the recruitments are to be effected through the main registration offices.

25X1 1. Comment. Registration offices were also established in Kreise; these Kreis registration offices correspond to the former German Wehrmeldeamter (draft boards).

25X1 2. Comment. Since the fall of 1952, increased efforts have been made to recruit former officers and NCOs for the VP army. Professional soldiers are urgently needed for the numerous military units to be organized in East Germany.

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